

On May 14, in open session, Senator Redfield W. Proctor, who had been secretary of war and knew a lot about all these things, brought the matter up by an amendment to the army appropriation bill that no money should be spent on disappearing gun carriages. This gave him a chance to rip into the whole subject and he did a good job.

He charged that the board of ordnance had originally been against the Crozier invention; that Col. Story, one of its opponents, had been removed from the board and his place filled by Capt. Pratt, who was in favor of the disappearing carriage, and that about \$5,000,000 had already been spent by the government on these devices exclusive of the cost of experimental work.

"Of course," he said, "these inventors, being in the ordnance department, all the experimental work, has, I have no doubt, been done at the expense of the government."

In that case the government must have paid the cost of perfecting and testing this invention, paid the salaries of its inventors, and then given to them a patent on a thing created at its own expense.

Senator Proctor declared in effect that the invention was no good and that the tests of it had been made with "pop gun" charges.

After examination and tests, foreign governments rejected it. Experience in the present war has shown that it is without value as war is now conducted.

But the United States government has installed hundreds of these carriages and spent \$9,000,000 upon them.

In the debate of May 14, 1902, Senator Proctor said: "The attention of the secretary of war has been called long ago to the statute forbidding an officer who was interested in an invention to be on that board, and after Gen. Crozier's nomination came in here and it was known that was a point being considered, he was

relieved from the board and Major Shaler of the ordnance corps was put in his place."

Not for long. Gen. Crozier was soon back again.

Gen. Crozier is of great ability and strong will power. It is generally admitted that to a great extent he dominates the board. He also strongly influences some members of congress.

He has been opposed to the government manufacture of ammunition on a large scale and in favor of encouraging private manufacturers.

### ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING IS RISING IN MEXICO

Columbus, N. M., June 12.—Rising anti-American feeling is sweeping Chihuahua, according to American refugees who left their mines and ranches in the vicinity of Chihuahua City and Cusihuirachie and sought safety with the expeditionary forces.

Reports today stated that Mexican agitators were traveling from village to village south of the American lines making incendiary speeches against the "gringos."

In Chihuahua City recently the schools were dismissed and the children were permitted to parade in a demand that the expeditionary forces be withdrawn from Mexico.

### TWO HURT BY PRESS WAGONS

Newspaper delivery wagons added two more victims to the list of injured Saturday. Both accidents happened in the loop.

Bella Cohn, 737 S. Leavitt st., was run down by a wagon of the Chicago Daily News at Clark and Lake sts. She was given immediate treatment, then removed to her home.

A Chicago-American wagon struck R. Johnson, 2922 Sawyer av., at State and Lake sts. His hip was severely bruised.

In neither of these cases was the driver arrested.